

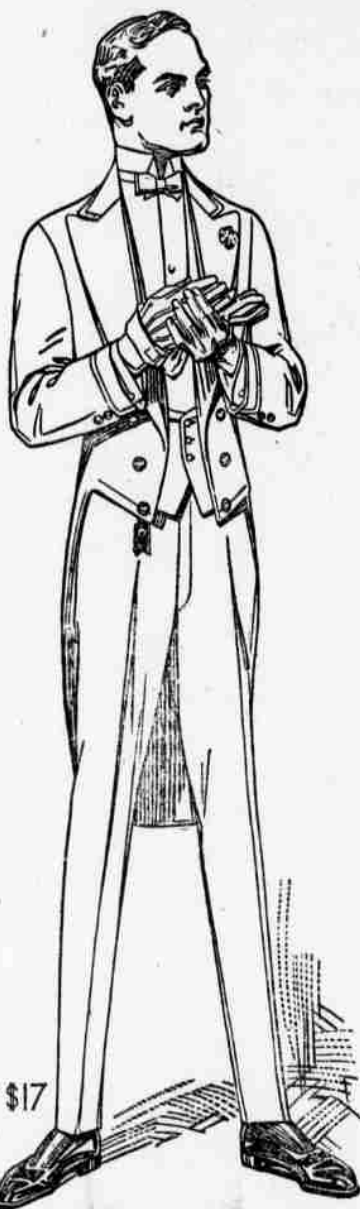
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MILICAN RESIGNS FROM COUNTY BOARD

Press of Private Business Assigns as Reason.

James H. Millican, chairman of the Putnam county board of county commissioners, has sent his resignation to Gov. Trammell. The reason assigned is press of private business. Mr. Millican is the assistant cashier of the State Bank of Palatka; he is also a big potato farmer at East Palatka, and has interests in many business enterprises. He was appointed to the board early last year to fill out the unexpired term of A. D. Curry, resigned. His appointment came, however, after he had been chosen in the democratic primary as the successor of Mr. Curry from this, the second district. Mr. Millican entered upon his full term last January, when he was elected president of the board. He has made a splendid commissioner, but the work is evidently not made to his taste. It also takes up too much of his time if done well, and Mr. Millican doesn't do a thing unless he can do it well.

Petitions have been sent in asking Governor Trammell to appoint C. E. Rowton as Mr. Millican's successor. If this is done the county will not suffer. Mr. Rowton is one of Palatka's best business men and will make just as good a business man on the county board. His appointment will be matter for congratulation.

YIELD OF SEVENTY BUSHELS OF RICE

From One-Half Acre on Farm of N. A. Shontz, East Palatka.

On Tuesday N. A. Shontz threshed 70 bushels of highland rice from a 1-2 acre of land on his East Palatka farm, which was sold immediately for \$2 a bushel. The rice was cut last fall and during the winter Mr. Shontz used most of it as feed for his stock which is in prime condition on it.

The growing of this variety of rice would not only prove very profitable to the farmers of Putnam county as a market product, but would be unexcelled as a feed, having the qualities of both hay and grain.

A sample of the rice from Mr. Shontz' farm was presented to the board of trade by Jas. M. Evans, and is now on exhibition at the rooms of the organization.

"In Storybook Land" Scores.

The Howell theatre was well filled Tuesday evening with a very enthusiastic assemblage, who came to see the greater part of the juvenile and older talent of the city in a play entitled "In Storybook Land" which was presented by Al. F. Strouse of Chicago, and given under the auspices of the Philathea class of the Presbyterian church. Much of the success of the play in its entirety, is due to the untiring energies of Mrs. F. L. Thorpe, the president of the class. In a ten days' rehearsal, the play, consisting of one hundred and twenty-five characters, was drilled and ready for production. The costumes were quaint and true to character, and the acting was also true to the story book. Much of the music was catchy and singable and the success of the play was in a great measure due to Miss Elizabeth Mae Brown, who took the part of the Mistress Mary. She delighted the audience with her catchy songs and excellent acting. Miss Brown has a most remarkable voice and a pleasing manner which has made her a great favorite with Palatka people.

It would be a hard matter to make special mention of the different characters in the play, as each and every one did his and her part so well in the general scheme of things.

Mrs. Alston Haile, as accompanist, deserves much credit for her difficult task, which was well rendered. The Philathea will realize a neat sum from the proceeds of the production.

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SHERIFF KENNERLY A BIT DISGUSTED

Because Jury Turned Loose His Blind Tiger Catch.

Some two weeks ago Sheriff Kennerly, on the recommendation of Sheriff Hand of Seminole county, employed a negro and his wife to do some detective work in and around Palatka for the purpose of securing evidence to convict a number of negroes who were strongly suspected of operating "blind tigers."

These negro "detectives" worked a little more than a week and as a result of their work secured evidence against 18 negroes. Eight of this number got wind of their coming arrest and got out of the country, but ten were arrested by Sheriff Kennerly, as follows:

Charles Williams, French Guion, Joe Adams (Sixth ward alderman), Mamie Guion, Bessie Summers, Essie Summers, Roxie ———, Ollie Rainey, Richard Brown, Palatka, and Peter Douglass of Rodman.

These were brought to trial Monday before Judge E. E. Haskell. The first case tried was that of Essie Summers. The jury was composed of Messrs. J. M. VanLandingham, A. E. Lancaster, E. Stacy, John Cannon, D. L. Wilkinson and A. D. Matthews. The evidence submitted was that of the two imported detectives; there was nothing in the way of corroboration; the jury considered it insufficient, and therefore returned a verdict of not guilty.

The second case tried was that of Peter Douglass of Rodman. The jury in this case was composed of E. M. Earnest, I. Bohannon, H. B. Mullis, J. E. Lucas, Benj. Rodda and W. M. Motes. The evidence in the second case was the same as that in the first, and the jury took the same view of insufficient evidence and returned the same verdict of "not guilty."

Thereupon Judge Haskell advised that as the evidence in the other cases was the same, it would be useless to try them, and they were discharged.

Sheriff Kennerly says that there is little doubt but that all were guilty, and he is disgusted at what he calls a miscarriage of justice. He says further that it is next to impossible to convict a "blind tiger" in Putnam county. He says that L. H. Thomas of the Rodman Lumber Co. congratulated him on the arrest of Peter Douglass, who has been long suspected of operating a "blind tiger" at Rodman.

E. M. Earnest, one of the jurors in the Douglass case was seen by The News. Mr. Earnest, who is a strong temperance man, stated that the jury was not willing to believe the unsupported testimony of the two negro detectives, and that the fact that they were professional blind tiger catchers operated against them. "Had any evidence been introduced," said Mr. Earnest, "tending to show that Douglass had been suspected of operating a tiger, I have no doubt that he would have been convicted, but there was no such evidence." When told of the Sheriff's remark concerning Mr. Thomas' observation, Mr. Earnest stated that had this evidence been before the jury the verdict would have been different.

During the progress of the trials the court house was packed with negroes, all of whom showed great interest in the outcome of the cases. There were mutterings among them against the negro "detective" from the outside, and later on this took the form of a mob attack on the man. One man by name of Will Wilson was arrested for the assault and on being brought before Judge Haskell was found guilty and fined \$150 and costs or five months in jail. Others who took part in the assault got away before the arrival of the officers.

Judge J. C. Calhoun was attorney for the defendants.

Palatkans, Read and Ponder.

The Winter Haven World, in a review of the glories of Florida, says: "The numerous, large, commodious and stately school buildings, everywhere, filled with happy children, far surpass in realization the wildest dreams of expectation, and promise well for the intelligence of the coming generations."

Will our esteemed contemporary please be more explicit as to locations, as while the idea appeals to us we are quite certain he has never been in Palatka.

We wonder too, if our editorial brother is not liable to indictment under the blue sky law for making his wish the reality.

The Presbyterian Church.

The following announcements are made for meetings in this church during the coming week:

Sunday school meets at 9:45 a. m., and will be in charge of superintendent, Frank C. Chapman.

Morning worship at 11 a. m., with sermon by the pastor. Immediately following this service a congregational meeting is called to take action whether the church will unite with the pastor in requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relation. Members of this church only, may vote, and the members are earnestly requested to be present.

The evening service will be at 7:30 o'clock, with sermon by the pastor. Meeting for prayer and Bible study Wednesday evening at 7:30.

A very cordial invitation is extended to the public to worship at this sanctuary of the Lord.

J. W. PURCELL, Minister.

FLORIDA BANKERS OUR GUESTS TODAY

Big Reception and Dance at Putnam House Tonight.

The Twenty-second session of the Florida Bankers' Association met in this city this morning, the meeting being called to order at the Howell theater at 9 o'clock by Henry G. Aird of Jacksonville, president of the association. Rev. Dr. Purcell of the Presbyterian church invoked the Divine blessing on the assembled bankers, following which the address of welcome was delivered by Hon. S. J. Kennerly, mayor of Palatka. The response to this welcome was to be made by Dr. Lincoln Hulley, president of John B. Stetson University, and one of the most eloquent orators in Florida. The principal address of the day will be delivered this morning by Col. Fred E. Farnsworth of New York, secretary of the National Bankers' Association. Col. Farnsworth is at the Putnam House, and is in Florida on his honeymoon trip.

In addition to the program published first in this paper last week, the local committee has arranged a grand reception and ball to be given in the Putnam House tonight.

This afternoon the visitors will be given an automobile ride to the orange section of the county.

On Saturday afternoon they will be given an excursion on the river, and at 8 o'clock Saturday night will occur the annual banquet at the Putnam House, when toasts will be responded to by some of the big bankers of Florida.

Col. Geo. R. De Sausseure, vice president of the Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville, is the first of the State Bankers to arrive in Palatka for the meeting. Mr. De Sausseure who is secretary of the Florida Association arrived in the city yesterday.

The Palatka News trusts that the visiting bankers will enjoy their stay in Palatka and that they will carry away only pleasant recollections of their twenty-second annual meeting.

The banks of Palatka have served notice on all their customers, possible, that they will close for business promptly at 12 noon, Saturday.

The public is cordially invited to attend the reception at the Putnam House tonight, and to attend as well all the meetings at the Howell theater.

POTATO CROP NOW GOING FORWARD

From East Palatka—Helms & Deats Sent First Car on Thursday.

As is usually the case Jack Helms of East Palatka will be the first man this year to send forward a car-load of new Irish potatoes. He began digging this week, and yesterday, was to have shipped his first car-load, but owing to the frost decided to wait until Monday. By Monday next he expects to begin shipping in earnest and will move at least two car loads a day. The potatoes are of fine quality and grade well as to size. Messrs. Helms & Deats estimate their crop at about 5,000 barrels.

Federal Point will also be shipping potatoes by the latter part of next week or the first of the following week. The crop at Federal Point is in fine shape, and the recent frosts have injured it not at all.

There is but little injury by frost perceptible at East Palatka. Now and then a field with late potatoes shows some damage to the vines, but not enough to prevent growth of the tubers. Further east, at Hastings and Elkton the damage is more apparent.

Messrs. Whitney and Middleton leading growers at Elkton were in Palatka on Tuesday and called on The News. They were then fearful that much damage had been done by the frost of that morning, but subsequent investigation by the St. Augustine Record shows that the damage is not above 10 per cent of the crop. Others who have been over in these sections estimate that the damage is even greater, especially to the later planted crops. The matured crops are not injured.

An Attractive Summer Course.

The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, has put out a special bulletin for its summer course to interest young pastors, theological students, evangelists, school teachers and others during their vacation period. The regular teaching force will be present throughout, but supplemented by Dr. W. H. Griffith Thomas, of Wycliffe College, Toronto, and F. B. Meyer, of London.

In the Bible department, the dean, Dr. Gray, will be teaching Daniel and Revelation, while Dr. Thomas will be lecturing on prophetic themes, the second coming of Christ and the future life. Other departments will cover the preparation of sermons and Gospel addresses, public speaking, pedagogy, Sunday-School organization and management, missions, domestic science for women, tent and Gospel wagon work and other forms of practical Christian service. Gospel music will be made much of also under the direction of Dr. D. B. Townner and the full music staff. All these advantages are offered free to Christian men and women of all denominations, further information of which can be obtained by addressing The Moody Bible Institute, 153 Institute Place, Chicago, Ill.

EAST PALATKA GETS LOWER FREIGHT RATES

Frank S. Browning Wins His Long Fight for Better Rates.

Several weeks ago the Palatka News told of the fight being made by Frank S. Browning of East Palatka to secure lower freight rates for East Palatka, where the rate has been more than double the rate charged to Palatka, or to San Mateo.

Mr. Browning had a long correspondence with the Florida Railway Commission over this matter, and finally, about six weeks ago the Railway Commissioners came to East Palatka and held a meeting in Mr. Browning's store to which all interested parties, including representatives of the railroad were invited. The case was submitted to the Commissioners by Mr. Browning in a careful manner, and all the questions at issue carefully gone into. The commission then adjourned with the promise that they would give the matter a most thorough investigation and would probably issue an order.

The order has been issued. It gives to East Palatka the much sought after relief, and Mr. Browning, who has been the one means of securing it, is being congratulated by all the people of the town. Here is the order of the Florida Railroad Commission:

Order No. 477, File No. 3717.

Before the Railroad Commissioners of the State of Florida.

In the Matter of Complaint against the Florida East Coast Railway Company for discrimination against East Palatka:

In pursuance of Notice No. 69, dated the 5th day of February 1915, this matter came on for consideration on the 17th day of February 1915, at nine o'clock in the morning, at the store of F. S. Browning, in the Town of East Palatka. The complaint against the Florida East Coast Railway Company was previously made in writing and said company duly notified of the time and place of considering said complaint; said company further acknowledged receipt of said notice and agreed to be represented at the hearing. But the company not being represented, the Railroad Commissioners took evidence as to the discrimination against East Palatka in the matter of freight rates by the Florida East Coast Railway Company, and made personal inspection of the location of East Palatka and San Mateo with respect to water competition from Jacksonville, and the location and distance of both of said places from Jacksonville and the St. Johns River. Thereafter upon request of the Florida East Coast Railway Company for the privilege of being heard or allowed to file a written statement, the Railroad Commissioners did, on the 26th day of February 1915, notify said Florida East Coast Railway Company that it could be heard on the subject at ten o'clock in the morning on March the 4th, 1915, at their office in Tallahassee. And said company, by its Vice-president J. P. Beckwith, filed a written statement. And thereupon the Commissioners took the said matter under advisement.

And now on this day, the said matter came on for further consideration, and the Commissioners being fully advised in the premises, do find from the evidence taken in the manner aforesaid and from personal investigation of conditions that the freight rates by boat from Jacksonville to East Palatka and San Mateo are the same, that San Mateo is about one mile from the landing on the St. Johns River where freight is discharged by boat from Jacksonville, while East Palatka is about one half mile from the landing on the St. Johns River where freight is discharged by boat from Jacksonville; that San Mateo is four miles further from Jacksonville on the railroad of the Florida East Coast Railroad Company than is East Palatka, and that the Florida East Coast Railway Company is maintaining lower freight rates from Jacksonville to East Palatka, though the distance from Jacksonville to East Palatka is included within the longer distance from Jacksonville to San Mateo; that such higher freight rates to East Palatka are an unjust discrimination against said East Palatka and are a violation of law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED by the Railroad Commissioners of the State of Florida that the Florida East Coast Railway Company shall, before the first day of April, 1915, cease such unjust discrimination against said East Palatka, and shall by said last mentioned date put into effect freight rates from Jacksonville to East Palatka which shall in no particular exceed the freight rates upon like articles from Jacksonville to San Mateo.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Railroad Commissioners of the State of Florida in session at their office in the City of Tallahassee, this 18th day of March, A. D. 1915.

R. HUDSON BURR, Chairman.

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